

## Meeting Notes

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Chancellor's Community Forum

August 26, 2009

7:00 pm

Savoy Elementary School, Room 307

Facilitator: Anthony Tata, Chief Operating Officer

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### Overview:

Anthony Tata addressed the concerns of parents who were interested in the purchasing of resources for special needs children and explained how DCPS is addressing the concerns through faster procurement processes.

### Attendance:

General Tata was asked questions of 2 parents during the breakout session.

### Notes:

Issue	Comments
Purchasing of Special Education Supplies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Parents spoke to Anthony about their frustration with the amount of time it takes for special needs children to obtain the supplies and resources they need.</li><li>▪ Anthony explained the new Rapid Acquisition Cell* that will be implemented in the Office of Special Education (OSE) this school year, which will make the turn-around time on purchasing goods and services covered under the Blackman Jones consent decree faster.</li><li>▪ Anthony also spoke with the parents about contracts for physical therapists, which the Office of Contracts and Acquisitions staff were working on last week to ensure the children would have the instruction and attention that they need.</li></ul>

\* The Rapid Acquisition Cell is a special purchasing process within OSE that will enable OSE to enter requests for purchasing of goods and services without going through a contract specialist in order to comply with the Blackman Jones consent decree.